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1. A RECENT STATEMENT TO THE HONG KONG PRESS BY A MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION THAT VISITED CHINA A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF PRESIDENT EANES ADDS FURTHER WEIGHT TO SPECULATION THAT THE PRC AND PORTUGAL ARE MOVING CLOSER TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG FROM THE PRC, LT. COL. HUGO SANTOS HAS BEEN QUOTED IN THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE HONG KONG STANDARD (AUGUST 7), AS DECLARING THAT (A) HE HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM CHINA THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND (B) "I'M SURE THAT AN OFFICIAL CHINESE DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING PORTUGAL IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE." EARLIER IN PORTUGAL, SANTOS HAD ASSERTED THAT HE WAS "DEPUTIZED" TO NEGOTIATE THE OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC

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RELATIONS (LISBON 4618).

3. THE NEWS REPORT ALSO INDICATES THAT SANTOS AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE PAYING A TWO-DAY VISIT TO MACAU BEFORE RETURNING HOME, WHILE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SINO-PORTUGUESE FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, CARLOS RICARDO, AND HIS WIFE ARE REMAINING IN CHINA FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

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